

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, delete the word "Title:".

Page 1, before line 4, delete the sub-heading "Description" and add the following new sub-headings and paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a US national stage of application No. PCT/EP2004/009895, filed on 6 September 2004, which claims priority of German Application No. 103 44 146.8, filed 22 September, 2003.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Page 1, before line 16, insert the following title:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Page 1, line 16, amend the paragraph as follows:

~~Therefore, it~~ It is an object of the present invention to provide an electrical or an electromechanical hold-open device having an improved and simplified construction compared to prior art hold-open devices.

Page 1, line 20, delete paragraph in its entirety.

Page 2, line 11, delete paragraph in its entirety.

Page 2, before line 13, insert the following title:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Page 2, line 17, amend the paragraph as follows:

Figure 1 shows a lateral view ~~on~~ of the inventive hold-open device;

Page 3, line 1, amend the paragraph as follows:

Figure ~~3~~ 4 shows a state during a closing movement of the inventive hold-open device.

Page 3, before line 3, insert the following heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Page 3, line 3, amend the paragraph as follows:

The basic conception of the inventive hold-open device becomes obvious from Figure 1 and 2. An upper chamber 2 and a lower chamber 3 are formed within a sliding rail 1. The two chambers 2, 3 are separated from each other by means of a small bordering rib. A power supply unit 4, where, at the side thereof facing the lower chamber 3, two parallel conductor lines 5 are disposed, is disposed within the upper chamber 2. At one end, the power supply unit 4 is provided with a stopper 6, which extends in the direction of the lower chamber 3. The power supply unit 4 together with the stopper 6 is ~~stationary~~ stationarily disposed within the sliding rail 1 and extends, for example, over a partial length of the sliding rail 1 only.

Page 4, line 18, amend the paragraph as follows:

To ~~achieve that~~ prevent the retaining mechanism 9 ~~is not~~ from being displaced during penetration of the holding mechanism 8, prior to reaching a secure locking between the holding mechanism 8 and the retaining mechanism 9, ~~there is~~ a contact force is provided between the stopper 6 and the retaining mechanism 9 which is greater than the latching force, which is exerted by the holding mechanism 8 when it penetrates into the retaining mechanism 9. This holding force can be generated by magnets, for example. The contact force will be released only when the slide member together with the retaining mechanism 9 travels further to the left side in Figure 3 and thus pushes the retaining mechanism 9 away from the stopper 6. In this case, the slide member 7, on account of the form thereof, passes underneath the stopper 6 and pushes the retaining mechanism 9 to the left side in Figure 3.

Page 5, line 13, amend the paragraph as follows:

Once the retaining mechanism 9 has left the area of the power supply unit 4, the holding mechanism 8 is no longer retained in the retaining mechanism 9. If, the retaining mechanism 9 being in this de-energized state, the slide member 7 moves into the closing direction i.e. to the right side in Figure 3, the retaining mechanism 9 ~~as well~~ must also be entrained back. A contact force, generated by magnets for example, is provided for this purpose between the slide member 7 and the retaining mechanism 9 which guarantees a secure entrainment of the retaining mechanism 9. Thus, upon automatic closure of the door, the slide member 7 and the retaining mechanism 9 move together into the closing direction, i.e. to the right side in Figure 4. As soon as the contact pins 11 ~~contact~~ recontact again the current carrying conductor lines 5, the retaining mechanism 9 is energized and the holding mechanism 8 is locked in the retaining mechanism 9.

On page 8, delete the sub-heading "Patent Claims," and immediately before claim 1, add the following:

-- What is claimed is: --